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#2BE-NTI0507

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**Re: #2BE-NTI0507 – Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) Project – Strongbow
Exploration Inc. (Strongbow) – Kitikmeot Region – Licence Cancellation**

Dear Ms. Porter,

Thank you for your email on April 4, 2014, concerning the above mentioned water licence cancellation application.

A memorandum is provided for the Nunavut Water Board's (Board or NWB) consideration. Comments have been provided pursuant to the Department's mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Act*.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at 867-975-4282 or email at ian.parsons@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca for further comments or any questions.

Sincerely,

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Memorandum

TO	Phyllis Beaulieu Manager of Licencing Nunavut Water Board	AANDC reference CIDM# 794820 NWB reference #2BE-NTI0507
FROM	Ian Parsons Regional Coordinator Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada	DATE April 24, 2014

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A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On April 4, 2014 the Board provided notification to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) that Strongbow Exploration Inc. had submitted a Cancellation application for Type B water license No. 2BE-NTI0507. The submitted information is as follows:

1. Application for Water Licence Cancellation
2. Closure Summary
3. Closure Letter to NWB
4. Abandonment and Reclamation Plan
5. Email correspondence

In March of 2003 Strongbow signed a Mineral Exploration Agreement with NTI to explore a compilation of 28 Inuit owned land parcels in the West Kitikmeot Region of Nunavut for mineral deposits. Between 2003 and 2005 a limited exploration drilling program was undertaken as well as other sampling and surveys were conducted. The work was conducted from temporary short term fly camps, which consisted of small tents. Sometimes work was conducted out of Lupin. All supplies and structures were removed at end of each field season.



No activities have taken place under water license 2BE-NTI0507 since July 2005.

The water licence expired on July 31, 2007 with the application for cancellation submitted to the NWB on September 5, 2013.

Interested parties were requested to review the information and provide comments by May 3, 2014.

B. RESULTS OF REVIEW

On behalf of AANDC, the following comments/ recommendations are submitted to the Nunavut Water Board for consideration:

1. Application For Water Licence Cancellation

- AANDC recommends that the licensee submit to the NWB annual reports for the years 2008-2014. The licensee is bound by all terms and conditions of the water licence, including the report filing requirements (i.e. the need to submit annual reports) even though the water licence has expired and no activity has occurred on site.
- AANDC notes that an AANDC Water Resource Officer has already been in contact with the licensee regarding outstanding documentation. AANDC recommends that all documentation listed as required by the water resource officer should be submitted prior to any planned inspection date. This will simplify the cancellation process.
- AANDC also recommends that the licence not be cancelled until a Water Resource Officer provides confirmation that no compliance issues are associated and/or remain outstanding with the project. As well AANDC recommends that if the company cannot demonstrate either by photographs or other documentation what materials are historic then the current company is responsible for the clean-up and remediation of these materials.

Prepared by Ian Parsons